COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF GAINSBORO UTILITIES, INC.)
FOR THE AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE THE ASSETS)
OF NETTLECREEK TREATMENT PLANT, INC.,)
IN JEFFERSON COUNTY, KENTUCKY: AUTHORITY) CASE NO. 9470
TO BORROW THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO FINANCE)
PURCHASE AND A PETITION FOR AN ADJUSTMENT)
OF THE RATES CHARGED CUSTOMERS)

ORDER

On April 11, 1986, the Consumer Advocacy Groups ("CAG"), an intervenor, filed a motion requesting the Commission to compel Gainsboro Utilities, Inc. ("Gainsboro") to provide copies of its 1985 bills for sludge hauling and utility services; and further requesting that the record of the last rate case for this utility, Case No. 8126, An Adjustment of Rates of Nettlecreek Treatment Plants, Inc., be incorporated by reference into the record of this case. This motion was originally made during the course of the hearing held on April 9, 1986, and has been reduced to writing at the request of the presiding Hearing Officer.

CAG argues that the supplemental information is necessary due to the large increase in sludge hauling and utility expenses during the 1984 test year. Gainsboro objected to the production of these bills on the basis that it would be unreasonable and unrepresentative to update only a limited number of test year expenses. Gainsboro did not object to the incorporation by reference of Case No. 8126.

Based on the motion and being advised, the Commission is of the opinion and hereby finds that Gainsboro should be required to file copies of its 1985 bills for sludge hauling and utility services. While the Commission agrees with Gainsboro that the 1985 level for these selected expenses should not be substituted for the 1984 test year level, the 1985 expenses are relevant to a determination of whether the test year expenses are representative of normal, recurring expense levels. The Commission further finds that, in the absence of any objection, the record in Case No. 8126 should be incorporated herein by reference.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. Gainsboro Utility shall file with the Commission and the CAG by April 25, 1986, copies of its 1985 bills for sludge hauling and utility services.
- 2. The record of Case No. 8126 be and it hereby is incorporated by reference into this case.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of April, 1986.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

ATTEST:

Vice Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Secretary